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I am writing today to endorse the nomination of a highly suitable individual, Matthew McDermott, to the Hawaii Historic Places Review Board. Matt has conducted archaeological and historical research in Hawaii and the Pacific for nearly 20 years. He has a diverse training in archaeological field work, and theoretical perspectives, and has been exposed to various cultural traditions and material culture assemblages. Mr. McDermott earned his Master's degree at the University of Hawaii-Manoa, his thesis, The Historical Ecology of Coastal Kihei Maui (May 2001).

As a former Oahu archaeologist at the State Historic Preservation Division (a position I held for 5 years) Mr. McDermott demonstrated his knowledge of the State Historic Preservation Program, the statewide survey and inventory that identifies and document historic properties, and burial sites, including all those owned by the State, County and on private property, preparing information for the Hawaii register of Historic Places as well as, the national register of historic places, the regulation of archaeological activities within the State and the State review process for archaeological projects.

Mr. McDermott has been a regular presenter and advocate for historic preservation at community and government meetings, as well as, the Oahu Island Burial Counsel and has a pleasant personality, is polite, and is an articulate speaker that has a harmonious rapport with SHPD staff, Federal, State and County government employees, Native Hawaiian Community and Oahu Burial Counsel members, contractors and other archaeologists.

Mr. McDermott is experienced in managing archaeological projects, including conducting preliminary research on projects, overseeing fieldwork and lab work and producing final archaeological reports.

Mr. McDermott's accomplishments in Hawaiian archaeology and his stellar accomplishments are equitable to the standards of past archaeologist who have once held this position.

For the above reasons, I support Matt McDermott's nomination to the Hawaii Historic Review Board.

Mahalo,

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